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**Wexford Garda Station**

Contract Price	- €22,300,000 (ex VAT)
Contingency	- €2,219,000 (ex VAT)
Construction Budget	- €24,519,000 (ex VAT)
Construction Budget (incl VAT)	- €27,829,000

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**4.2.3 Garda Building and Refurbishment Programme**

**A. Capital Investment Programme 2016-2021**

The Garda Síochána Building and Refurbishment Programme 2016 – 2021, was announced in October 2015 and includes a number of projects which reflect the priorities of An Garda Síochána, including:

- a Public Private Partnership (PPP) project to deliver new Garda stations in key areas;
- major refurbishment of stations/facilities including facilities for meeting victims of crime;
- essential remedial works to existing stations;
- development of Property and Exhibit Management Stores;
- upgrade of cells and provision of improved Custody Management Facilities.

A brief summary of programme progress is set out below:

**Completed projects:**

- essential remediation works Bailieborough, Co Cavan have been completed;
- safety and upgrade works for Aras Dheirdre in the Garda College have been completed;
- safety and upgrade works Henry Street, Limerick completed in September 2016;
- construction on PEMS Store Castlebar, Co Mayo completed;
- construction on PEMS Store Ennis, Co Clare completed;

**Works are underway in the following projects:**

- safety works in the Technical Bureau Building, Garda HQ are ongoing, to be completed imminently.

- safety and upgrade works for Aras Mheibhe in the Garda College are underway, to be completed in July 2017.
- the contract for the development of a custody suite at Henry St Garda Station was awarded on 9 March 2017 and the works are underway;
- the contract for the refurbishment of Tralee Garda Station was awarded on 21 April 2017 and works are underway.

Projects being progressed to tender stage

- Tenders for the provision of a Specialist Victim Interview Suite at Stradone Co Cavan have been assessed and the contract is to be awarded week commencing 13 July.
- The Planning process for works at the Bridewell, Dublin which was lodged on 25 April was completed on 6 June. A phasing plan is being considered between local management and the project architects.
- The Planning application for works at Longford Garda Station has been lodged and a tender is to issue shortly.
- Tenders to the cells and custody management facilities at Carlow Garda Station are being assessed and a contract is expected to be awarded shortly.
- The installation of a prefabricated structure for the Scenes of Crime Unit at Mullingar Garda Station commenced in May and the new accommodation is to be handed over to local management imminently.
- Enabling works have been completed at Athlone Garda Station and the procedure to pre-qualify contractors for the major redevelopment of the Station is nearing completion.
- Work with the OPW is ongoing to develop proposals to improve accommodation at a number of Stations included in the Capital Investment Programme 2016-2021 such as Bailieboro, Portlaoise and Newcastlewest.
- Tender documents are planned to issue in Quarters 3/4, 2017 for works at Ballinasloe, Glanmire, Longford and Donegal Town.

**B. Cell Refurbishment Programme**

An Garda Síochána has requested the Office of Public Works to undertake a national cell refurbishment programme. [REDACTED]

The programme is funded via the capital vote within the OPW which is held on behalf of An Garda Síochána. In the order of €4m per annum is allocated to this programme with progress monitored consistently in conjunction with the OPW.

The Cell Refurbishment Programme is progressing well. The OPW has advised that at the current time cells in 71 Garda stations have been refurbished. At present, there are four (4) stations undergoing cell refurbishment and work will be completed over the next number of weeks on each of these projects. It is expected that two (2) contracts will be awarded in early course for other refurbishment projects and there are eight (8) other locations that are expected to be complete or substantially complete by the end of 2017.

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**C. New Garda Station PPP Project**

The Garda Capital Investment Programme 2016-21 included a PPP project to provide new Garda Stations at Macroom, Clonmel and Sligo.

In late 2016, discussions were held between An Garda Síochána, the Department of Justice and Equality, the Office of Public Works and the NDFA to finalise a new Garda PPP project to include the three above Garda Stations and possibly other projects such as a major new custody suite in Anglesea St, Cork for Cork City. Funding approval for the Garda PPP Project also needs to be finalised.

The OPW has completed the acquisition of a site for a new Garda Station at Macroom and is well advance on the acquisition of a site from Tipperary County Council for Clonmel.

Following an OPW advertisement seeking proposals for sites, a joint OPW/Garda meeting to assess sites was held on 5 April 2017. A shortlist of sites was devised and the OPW valuer is engaging with property owners regarding same.

**4.2.4 Fitzgibbon Street Garda station**

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The Department of Justice and Equality has included the requirement for funding in its submission to DPER in respect of the mid-term review of the Capital Plan and a decision on funding is awaited.

#### **4.2.5 Expansion of Garda Workforce 2021**

In July 2016, the Government approved that the Garda workforce should increase in size to 21,000 personnel by 2021 comprising 15,000 Garda members, 2,000 Garda Reserve members and 4,000 civilians. As of 30 September 2016 there were a total of 15,605 personnel in An Garda Síochána comprised of 12,850 Garda members, 756 Garda Reserve members and 1,999 civilian staff.

Accordingly, the overall number of Garda personnel will increase by 35% from September 2016 to the end of 2021. An Garda Síochána is preparing a detailed multi-year plan which aims to identify, define and address all the key dependencies that arise in delivering on the planned expansion of the Garda organisation in accordance with the Government Decision of July 2016.

Beyond the boundaries of An Garda Síochána, it is apparent that to increase the size of the Garda organisation, key infrastructural investments will be required to enable the planning and execution of this huge transformational project and these needs are immediate.

The OPW advises that it is essential that the full accommodation costs, both potential rents and fit out costs, associated with the expansion of our staff numbers are taken into account in any analysis and decision making. The OPW suggests that this be approached on a "Programme" basis, much like the recently completed Intreo Programme which saw the OPW Commissioners delivering accommodation solutions in over 60 locations for the Department of Social Protection over a 24-month period.

The OPW has advised that it will not be able to meet our requirements from its existing portfolio and neither does it have any provision in its capital or rental budgets in the coming years to allow it to go to the market to lease accommodation of the magnitude required by AGS.

No funding provision has been made to cater for the 'accommodation' requirements that arise to implement the expansion of the Garda workforce to 21,000 by 2021 and the issue of accommodation presents a significant risk to the organisation in being able to effectively assimilate the increase in Garda and civilian resources that have been approved by Government.

#### 4.2.6 Funding sought in Mid-term Capital Review of expenditure

Project	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
<b>Buildings</b>					
Divisional Headquarters	10.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.4
New Stations at Macroom, Clonmel, Sligo and Anglesea St	5.0	22.0	32.0	14.0	73.0
Refurbishment of Fitzgibbon St. Station	4.0	4.4			8.4
Military Road	4.0	25.0	35.0	16.0	80.0
PEMS Stores	2.0	4.0	4.0	0.0	10.0
Garda College	6.5	11.0	13.0	3.0	33.5
Control Room	1.0	3.0	4.0	1.0	9.0
Expansion of Garda workforce	4.0	9.0	13.0	12.0	38.0
<b>Buildings Total</b>	<b>36.9</b>	<b>78.4</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>262.3</b>

## 5. Procurement

Procurement Section is responsible for sourcing goods and services and the Section operates under the current Garda Corporate Procurement Plan 2016-2018 and the key actions under the Strategy are being implemented each year in the annual Business Plans.

Procurement Section continually reviews the Garda spend on goods and services to ensure that such spend meets Government public procurement guidelines. In 2016, in conjunction with the Office of Government, Procurement Section is targeting facilities-related contracting, i.e. towing management services for Divisions; the provision of - interpretation services; medical services for detainees; as well as assisting other Sections / Branches in preparing and putting contracts in place for key goods / services within their respective areas of responsibility, ie Transport, ICT.

An Garda Síochána also purchases goods and services under contracts put in place by the Office of Government Procurement (OGP) e.g. utilities, office equipment / stationary, office supplies, vehicles, and fuels for example.

In 2014, 2015 and 2016, An Garda Síochána (Procurement Section / Tender Office) provided the OGP with details of its tender requirements for the period 2015-2018, in particular its requirements in all the major-spend categories, i.e. Utilities, Facilities Management, Outsourced- Managed Services, ICT, Transport and Medical Services.

An Garda Síochána (Procurement Section) is continuing to source police-specific items, such as towing management, incapacitant spray, handcuffs, Asp batons, anti-stab / ballistic vests, vehicle-stopping devices; public order and PPE equipment, as well as uniform and specialist equipment / uniform, firearms and ammunition etc .

### EU Directives on Public Procurement

An Garda Síochána, as a public body is bound by the EU Procurement Directives.

These Directives are:

2014/23	-	Award of Concession Contracts
2014/24	-	Public Procurement
2014/25	-	Procurement by entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors

The EU Procurement Directives were transposed into Irish law on 20 April 2016. Garda Procurement Guidelines are being updated and new template Request for Tenders (RFTs) are now available on the e-Tenders system. This process will be completed when the Office of Government Procurement (OGP) issues new national guidelines which are due.

### Office of Government Procurement

The Office of Government Procurement (OGP) has the State-lead in relation to procurement of common goods/services across the Public Service and is currently conducting sourcing and tendering for goods and services for An Garda Síochána.

The Commissioner is accountable in ensuring that AGS purchases from OGP contracts, whereas the Chief Procurement Officer (Mr Paul Quinn) is accountable for the sourcing and contracting of the common goods and services. Key spend areas which are being targeted for competitive tendering by OGP, on behalf of AGS, and by AGS in relation to specific police-related goods / services are set out below :

- Facilities Management tenders e.g. cleaning, window cleaning, etc
- Medical Services for Detainees
- Interpretation Services
- Transport
- Uniform and Equipment
- ICT Projects
- Training and HR

An Garda Síochána is represented on the various inter-agency OGP-lead Category Councils covering these services. The role of the Category Council is to devise a Category Strategy and to run and manage the inter-agency sourcing-teams which conduct the tender processes. The Category teams consult with the Chief State Solicitor's Office (CSSO) on all aspects of the tender process.

#### **5.1 Key 2017 Procurement Exercises**

- **Medical tender** –advertised by HSE on 17 May closed on 19 June 2017 and Divisional panels established..
- **Interpretation Services** - OGP to run interpretation mini competition in June 3 months stats sought from main supplier
- **Cultural audit** –Tender completed - DPER sanction to go to contract awaited.
- **Towing Management.** Procurement to manage towing management contracts following withdrawal of OGP from the process. 5 Tenders in preparation to issue to market awaiting Divisional sign off – Kildare tender published.
- **Occupational Health (OGP)** – tender evaluation signed off by all including AGS reps.
- **Garda College Food Provisions** -OGP to assist in the management of tender for food items €700,000 annual value.

#### **5.2 Cultural Audit of An Garda Síochána (T.007/2017)**

This has been our most high profile 2017 tender to date. The current position is that AGS is now awaiting DPER sanction to go to tender following the completion of the OJEU procurement exercise. Pending final sanction the Procurement and the Garda Analysis Service is in contract discussions with the preferred bidder (PWC). The contract will involve an audit and reporting of the organisations culture over 2017-2021.

#### **5.3 Facilities- Cleaning, Window Cleaning, Fumigation of Cells.**

The OGP established frameworks over 2016/17 covering facility related contracts e.g. cleaning, window cleaning , pest control, fire services etc

Currently Procurement is working with OGP in relation to the cleaning mini competitions. As part of this mini-competition process, it will be necessary for individual Divisions / Offices to sign-off on the specifications for each Tender. Again representatives from AGS will participate on the Evaluation

Teams for these mini-competitions, with Contracts expected to commence in Q4 2017/Q1-2018, again subject to no legal challenges to these competitions.

A new HEO and EO have been appointed to Procurement in recent weeks and we expect to progress the completion of tender specifications/supplementary tender documents over Q3 and 4 for all Garda sites.

#### 5.4 New Stations –Kevin Street, Galway and Wexford

Procurement is working with Housing on progressing the furniture and office equipment elements for the above stations. The section also processes the furniture and office equipment budget and deals with the furniture and office equipment requirements for other stations as needed.

#### 5.5 Outsourced Services - Towing Management

In order for operational Gardai enforce the Road Traffic / Road Transport legislation, in particular section 41RTA, members require access to recovery operators, secure storage and administrative facilities for the long-term storage of such vehicles involved in serious crime and / or road traffic collisions, both fatal and those resulting in life-altering injuries, where such vehicles are required as evidence and for secure areas where these vehicles can be technically examined.

The availability of secure storage facilities in a Division allows Garda members to prioritise seizing vehicles found with No Insurance; No Tax for over 3 months; or being driven by unlicensed drivers.

The up-to-date position regarding the current tendering / contracting situation, by Division, is set out in the following table. Blue colour signifies progress made so far :

<b>Towing Management OGP Contracts Roll Out -Project Plan as at 28 June 2017</b>					
<b>Division</b>	<b>Planning</b>	<b>Published</b>	<b>Evaluation Stage</b>	<b>Contract Stage</b>	<b>Contract Status</b>
<b>DUBLIN METROPOLITAN REGION</b>					
DMR North				VTAS *	In Contract
DMR North Central				VTAS*	In Contract
DMR South				VTAS *	In Contract
DMR South Central				VTAS*	In Contract
DMR East				VTAS*	In Contract.
DMR West				VTAS*	In Contract
<b>NORTHERN REGION</b>					
<b>Donegal</b>					New Tender
Sligo -Leit				VTAS *	
Cavan Monaghan				VTAS *	In Contract
Louth				VTAS	In Contract
<b>SOUTH EASTERN REGION</b>					
Kilkenny Carlow				VTAS *	In Contract
Tipperary				VTAS*	In Contract
Waterford				VTAS *	In Contract



Wexford				VTAS *	In Contract
<b>EASTERN REGION</b>					
Kildare	17/05/2017	19/06/2017		VTAS*	New Tender
Laois Offaly				VTAS*	In Contract
Meath	17/05/2017				New Tender
Westmeath				VTAS *	In Contract
Wicklow	17/05/2017				New Tender
<b>SOUTHERN REGION</b>					
Cork City				VTAS*	In Contract
Cork North				VTAS*	In Contract
Cork West				VTAS*	In Contract
Limerick	17/05/2017				New Tender
Kerry	17/05/2017				New Tender
<b>WESTERN REGION</b>					
Clare				VTAS*	In Contract
Galway				VTAS*	Awaiting Div response to OGP
Mayo				VTAS*	In Contract
Roscommon - Longford				VTAS*	In Contract
<b>Garda HQ</b>					
Fleet Towing					In Contract

#### **T.023/2015 Towing Management –Sligo Leitrim Division**

- Results to issue once Galway Division respond regarding evaluation, tender linked to Galway Division tender

#### **T.024/2015 Towing Management Galway Division**

- Awaiting Chief Superintendent final response to Procurement/OGP advises re completion of evaluation process.

#### **T.001/2017 Towing Management Limerick Division**

- RFT draft sent on 19 May to Limerick Division for approval to publish

#### **T.003/2017 Towing Management Kildare**

- Draft RFT approved by the Division – tender published 19 June 2017, closing 10 August 2017.

#### **Towing Management Meath**

- Draft RFT sent to the Division on 17 May 2017 for approval to issue to the market.

#### **Towing Management Wicklow**

- Draft RFT sent to the Division on 17 May 2017 for approval to issue to the market.
- Wicklow Division has responded with statistical data for inclusion, final draft sent to the Division for sign off in advance of publication.

#### **Towing Management Kerry**

- Draft RFT sent to the Division on 17 May 2017 for approval to issue to the market.

Tenders for Donegal, Galway and Sligo Leitrim were published and evaluated over 2016/ 2017. The tender for Donegal; will be re-advertised by AGS as there was a technical issue with an incorrect tender value was included in the original OGP tender notice. Galway and Sligo Leitrim tender evaluations are being finalised by OGP/AGS.

In order to assist Divisional Officer manage Towing Contracts in their respective Divisions a Vehicles Towing Administration (IT) System (VTAS) was developed by the Tender Office staff and is being rolled-out to Divisions as Contracts are being signed. **VTAS** records the movement of seized vehicles both into and out of storage and allows local Garda Management and the Divisional Towing Office to ensure that invoices presented by the Contractors for accuracy and assists in ensuring that seized vehicles are not in storage any longer than they should be or as is prescribed in law.

#### **5.6 Medical Services for Detainees**

Under the Garda Síochána (Detention of Persons in Garda Síochána Stations) Regulations, 1988 / 2004, there is an onus on An Garda Síochána to ensure that such persons have access to medical services should they require same. The annual spend on medical services is circa €2m which necessitates that the services should be the subject of a public Tender process. Currently such services are procured on an ad-hoc basis by each Garda Station where persons are detained.

In line with OGP Governance structures, as regards Category Councils, procurement procedures for medical services are being led by the Health Service Executive (HSE), as the largest purchaser of medical services.

The HSE through a public procurement exercise has established panels of Doctors in each Division for the provision of medical services for detainees in Garda Stations.

The HSE tender closed for the receipt of bids on 19 June 2017 for 28 lots corresponding with the 28 Garda Divisions with the aim of having panels of doctors in place in each Division. The HSE has notified the applicants of the outcome on 27 June 2017 following a review of the responses by AGS /HSE.

#### **5.7 Transport Services – Garda Transport Section Tenders**

In recent years Contracts were put in place by AGS / Procurement Section for :

- New vehicles
- Service, repairs and Maintenance of the Fleet
- Fleet Tyres
- Body Repairs

The OGP now manages the Tender process for these services .The OGP (and its predecessors, the National Procurement Service and Government Supplies Agency) conducts Tenders for new and second-hand vehicles. Procurement Section / Tender Office will liaise with OGP and Transport Section in providing the relevant spend-data and specifications for such vehicles. In 2017, a new repair and maintenance contract was put in place recently.

Transport Section will be providing separate briefing material on Transport related issues.

## **5.8 Other Tenders/Contract Management Progressed over May/June 2017**

### **T.033/2015 Interpretation and Translation Services.**

- OGP working on SRFT and AGS has sought 3 months statistics from the main supplier for inclusion in SRFT.
- Translation and Interpretation statistics for 3 months sought from main suppliers on 29 May 2017 and the details were forwarded to OGP for inclusion in the tender document.

### **Garda Helicopter S.B.H. Contract**

- DPER sanction to go to tender received on 11 May 2017
- RFT prepared by GASU for issue to market and it will be published shortly.

### **T.013.4/2016 Project Managers (Mini Competition from AOG Consultancy Framework).**

- DPER sanction received, STO updating tender document which will be sent to OGP via Procurement.
- OGP will manage the tender process.

### **T.013.5/2016 HRPD Operating Model (Mini competition from AOG Consultancy Framework).**

- DPER sanction received to run competition, costs must be met from existing Vote 20 funds.
- SRFT forwarded to OGP for processing on 19 May 2017 and, following final approval by HRPD of the tender documentation, the OGP issued the tender documentation to the Framework members and is closing for the receipt of tenders on 29 June 2017.
- Final sanction required when preferred bidder identified from AOG Consultancy Framework.

### **Fixed Wing Aircraft**

- The Defence Forces published a tender for 3 fixed wing aircraft (with AGS option on a 4th) on 05 May 2017 and closed on 15 June 2017.
- AGS has the option of purchasing the 4<sup>th</sup> aircraft and a business case for submission to the Department for consideration.

#### **T.040/2017 National Health and Safety Training –OGP Framework**

- OGP Framework launched and Garda College, Health and Safety sections informed of the new framework which will be used for health and safety training for new members and existing members..

#### **T.041/2017 eSignature Devices and Associated Goods**

- RFT submitted by ICT for review and publication.

#### **T.043/2017 Public Order Unit Cover-all**

- Tender document issued to market via e-Tenders for this item on 24 May 2017 closed on 8 June 2017 and is at evaluation stage.

#### **T.044/2017 Garda National Technical Bureau- Fingerprint Powder plus Tape.**

- RFT published by AGS on 25 May 2017 closed on the 16 June 2017 and is at evaluation stage.

#### **T.045/2017 –Service, Repair and Maintenance of Fleet Vehicles**

- New contract commenced 24 April 2017 following OGP tender competition. Ford and Hyundai to service own vehicles and other vehicle types.

#### **ICT Service Desk**

- Draft SRFT and business case forwarded to DJE on 17 May seeking sanction to issue to Framework Members (OJEU).
- New OGP Framework due to be announced in July 2017.

#### **5.9 Garda College Tenders**

Procurement is engaging with the Garda College in identifying spend categories suitable for procurement exercises covering training facilities in the Dublin area, foodstuffs, laundry, training courses etc.

The OGP has assisted the College in relation to Inspector and Sergeant CPD training in 2016, accommodation, office and training rooms in early 2017. OGP is now focused on dealing with the foodstuffs requirements as set out in the table below.

The table below sets out foodstuffs requirements that need to go to tender

Requirements	Supplier Details	Contract Value 2016	Estimated 2017	Status
Supply of Dairy Products	Thurles Milk, Collins Bros Derrynaflan Foods	€76,479	€101,973	PSR sent to OGP 030517
Meat Products	Carey Butchers, Farrellys Butchers, Mossys Butchers, Templetohy Foods, Pallas, Plassey Foods, Thurles Bacon, Rene Cusack	€223,009	€297,492	PSR sent to OGP 030517
Ambient Foods	Thurles Cash and Carry, BWG, Nenagh, Curren Foods, Ponaire	€114,967	€153,289	PSR sent to OGP 030517
Fruit and Veg Fresh	Peters Fruit and Veg	€54,521	€72,695	PSR sent to OGP 030517
Frozen Foods	Limerick Frozen Foods, Laois Poultry and Frozen Foods	€26,374	€35,166	PSR sent to OGP 030517
Supply of Bread Products	Stapleton Bakery	€21,338	€28,451	PSR sent to OGP 030517
Cooking Oil	Frylite	€1,241	€1,655	Quotes
Crockery and Cutlery	Nesbit, Shannon Hotels Supplies	€5,083	€6,777	OGP Framework
Eggs	Harrahills	€12,474	€16,632	PSR sent to OGP 030517
<b>Total</b>		<b>€535,597</b>	<b>€714,129</b>	

The OGP, Garda College and Procurement are collaborating to put new contracts in place covering this spend and other facility related spends in the Garda College.

#### 5.10 Operational Uniform

The Garda operational uniform is due to go to market, this tender will be managed by the OGP. Meanwhile, Procurement is planning to have a review of the existing uniform by an industry expert to identify any potential changes to the specifications in advance. The sourcing of the expert will be conducted by way of a tender process planned for Q3 -2017, any recommendations from this review that meets the approval of stakeholders will feed into the overall tender specification for the new uniform.

Currently costs are kept to a minimum due to the operation of an on line ordering for items of uniform, thus uniform items are allocated where required by the Garda member.

### **5.11 e-Tenders**

AGS utilises the e-Tenders system for its Tender processes and procedures, including OJEU Tenders, which enhances its accountability, as well as ensuring that all bidders for goods and services, including SMEs, have access to Garda tenders.

The new EU Procurement Directives provide for the electronic publication and receipt of tender proposals which will become mandatory by Q4 -2018. However, AGS already publishes Requests for Tenders via e-Tenders and receives some tenders / bids via the e-Tenders system, which helps reduce the cost of preparing and submitting bids / tenders for suppliers, particularly the SME community. The results of tender processes run by AGS and Contracts are published on e-Tenders.

Also, e-Tenders has a built-in 'alert' system to remind AGS about Contract expiration dates to facilitate the early commencement of new Tender processes.

These systems and advantages of the e-tender system enhances the transparency of procurement processes and procedures organised by AGS.

### **5.12 Resourcing of Procurement**

Procurement has benefitted from the addition of a new HEO, EO and CO to its current staff which will allow one HEO focus on facilities related contracts and the existing HEO focus on outsourced services including towing management and professional services.

The staff numbers in **Procurement** are as follows

- 1- AP and 1 Superintendent
- 2 - HEO

**Procurement Office** – 1-Sergeant, 1.5 EO, 1 - Temporary Clerical Officer

**Tendering Office** -1.5-EO, 2- CO

**Uniforms and Equipment** -1 Sergeant, 0.5 CO

**Firearms Stores** -1 Sergeant and 2 Armourers.

Garda Procurement continues to keep its staffing requirements under review so that it can meet its commitment under the Procurement Strategy and annual business plans plus assisting OGP with national tender evaluations where there is a Garda operational requirement.

## **6. Fleet Management**

As at 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017 the Garda fleet consisted of **2,836** vehicles (up from 2,407 on 31 Dec 2013)  
In 2016 alone, some 597 vehicles were commissioned

### **Fleet Management Model**

Transport Section operates a fleet management model based outsourced contracts.

### **Capital Expenditure**

Under the Government's Capital Plan 2016 – 2021, €46 million will be invested in a modern, effective and fit-for-purpose Garda fleet over the lifetime of the plan

The Capital Budget for 2017 is €4m. An initial purchase of some €4m was brought forward into December 2016. Purchase orders for the majority of the 2017 €4m have been issued.

### **Current expenditure**

The maintenance budget for 2016 was €19,060,916; this includes Fuel/Service Repair & maintenance/Tyres/Towing

Contracts are in place for

- Service Repair and Maintenance – Ford & Hyundai
- Fuel – Topaz
- The OGP are due to announce the successful tendered for the Tyre contract this month
- Towing – Derek Beahans
- Body work Repair – National Framework

### **Resources Available to Fleet Management Section**

Staffing has reduced from 19.2 to 12.3 WTE (3 of whom retires as expected in June 2017). Significantly, one of the retirements is of the only senior technical consultant. Significant gaps exist restricting the Section's ability to respond adequately to operational needs and to provide an appropriate level of budgetary oversight and control.

8 separate detailed submissions made dating back to April 2014, most recently February 2017 in a "POLICING AUTHORITY" template in February 2017, without response.

## 6.1 Garda Fleet

This section contains information on the Garda Fleet

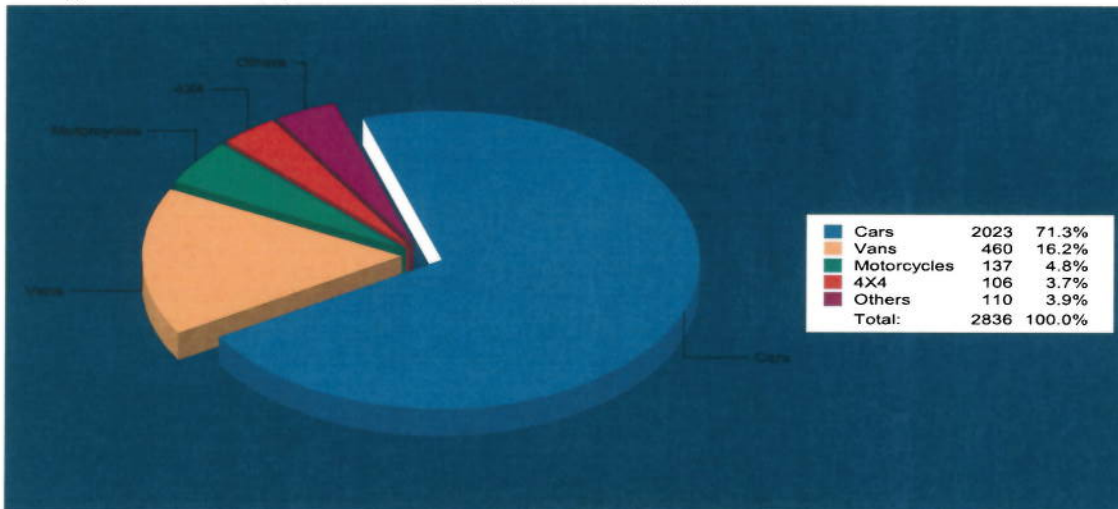
### Strength of Garda Fleet, broken down by Type as at 06/07/2017

Cars			Vans	Motorcycles	4 x 4	Others	Total
Marked	Unmarked	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	
810	1,213	2,023	460	137	106	110	2,836

### Strength of Garda Fleet, broken down by Age as at 06/07/2017

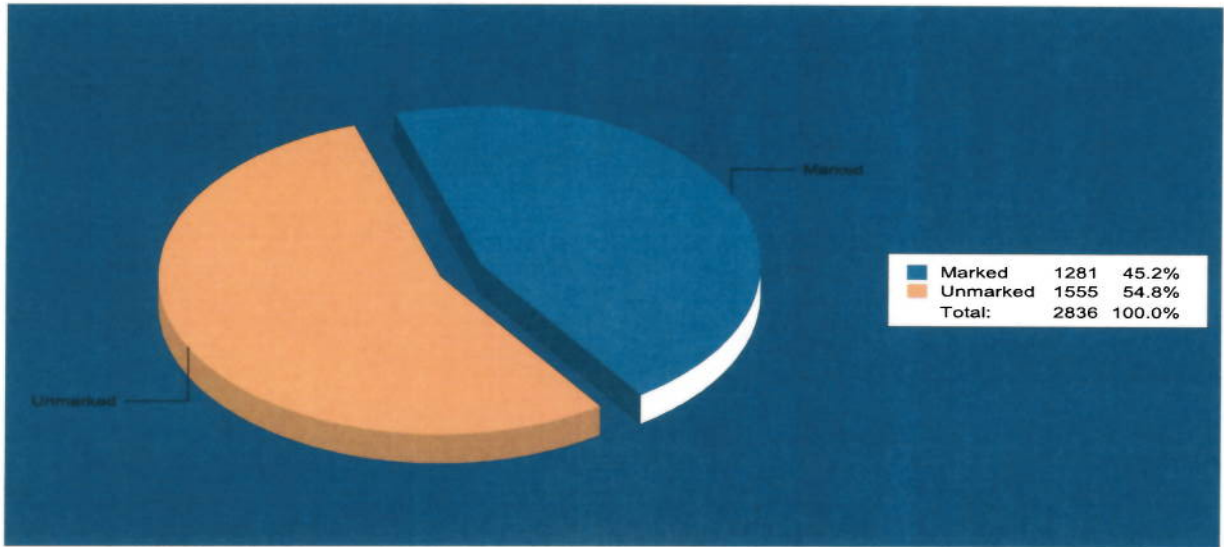
	Cars	Vans	Motorcycles	4 x 4	Others	Total	% of Total
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,023</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>2,836</b>	<b>100%</b>
< 1 year	298	91	35	14	30	468	17%
1 – 2 years	241	90	28	32	23	414	15%
2 – 4 years	811	56	20	0	19	906	32%
4 – 6 years	131	104	10	6	2	253	9%
> 6 years	542	119	44	54	36	795	28%

### Strength of Garda Fleet, broken down by Type as at 06/07/2017

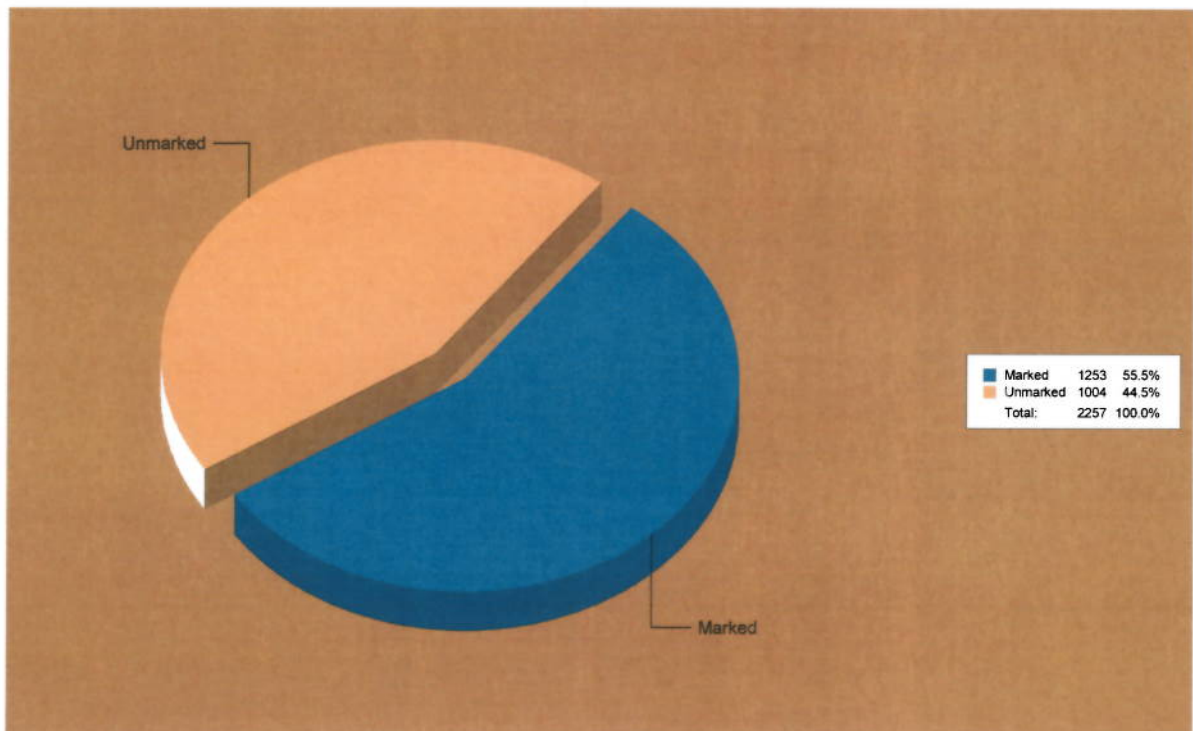




**Strength of Garda Fleet, Marked & Unmarked as at 06/07/2017**



**Strength of Garda Fleet, Marked & Unmarked less National Units as at 06/07/2017**



## 6.2 Fleet Strength 2008 – 2016

	Cars			Vans	Motor cycles	4x4's	Other	Total
	Marked	Unmarked	Total					
31 Dec 2008	*	*	1,926	404	265	107	27	2,729
31 Dec 2009	*	*	2,031	410	238	106	29	2,814
31 Dec 2010	795	1,183	1,978	337	235	106	84	2,740
31 Dec 2011	702	1,183	1,885	315	208	112	103	2,623
31 Dec 2012	579	1,107	1,686	343	178	111	96	2,414
31 Dec 2013	570	1,090	1,660	408	136	110	93	2,407
31 Dec 2014	699	1,100	1,799	400	132	96	87	2,514
31 Dec 2015	780	1,164	1,944	404	94	87	87	2,616
31 Dec 2016	800	1,202	2,002	477	143	107	111	2,840

### Retirement of vehicles

Garda vehicles are decommissioned for a variety of reasons, including accidents, upon reaching 300,000km and being no longer economic to maintain due to damage.

A total of 170 vehicles have been retired from the fleet in 2017, to date.

It is estimated that a further approximately 129 vehicles will be decommissioned in 2017.

### Fleet Management Model

Fleet Management Section operates a fleet management model based on professional industry standards. Outsourced contracts are in place for the delivery of each component of expenditure under the Transport subhead - Subhead D.

## 6.3 Resources Available to Fleet Management Section

### NUMBERS

Currently, Fleet Management has 12.3 WTE staff to manage the Fleet (3 of whom retired as expected in June 2017). This is a reduction from 19.2 staff.

### RISK

Significant gaps exist restricting the Sections ability to respond adequately to operational needs and to provide an appropriate level of budgetary oversight and control. Significantly, one of the retirements is of the senior technical consultant.

### RESPONSE

In response, Head of Fleet Management has highlighted the issues in 8 separate detailed submissions dating back to April 2014.

The most recent submission was provided in a "POLICING AUTHORITY" template in February 2017, without response.

### 6.3 Programme for a Partnership Government

- The Programme for a Partnership Government contains a commitment to invest in An Garda Síochána to ensure they have the modern technology and resources necessary to detect and investigate crime, and to prevent loss and harm to citizens and their property.
- Under the Government's Capital Plan 2016 – 2021, €46 million will be invested in a modern, effective and fit-for-purpose Garda fleet over the lifetime of the plan
- In 2016 alone, some 597 vehicles were commissioned to ensure that the Gardaí are mobile, visible and responsive on the roads and in the community to prevent and tackle crime.

### 6.4 Capital Expenditure

The Capital Budget for 2017 is €4m. An initial purchase of some €4m was made in December 2016, which included the purchase of 190 Hyundai vehicles. These vehicles are currently being fitted out and allocated.

Purchase orders for the remaining €4m are currently being issued.

Fleet Management Section, working in conjunction with the Office of Government Procurement (OGP), has in place police specification contracts for the purchase of:

#### Cars

- Hyundai i30 estate
- Hyundai i40 Saloon and Estate

#### Higher powered Cars

- BMW X5
- BMW 530d Saloon
- Audi A6 Estate

#### Motorcycles

- Honda NT 700V Deauville
- BMW K52 R1200

#### Vans

Recently, contracts have been concluded for Small and Large Vans with the following fit out

- **Small Vans** – with option of specific fit-outs for
  - Scenes of Crime
  - Forensic Collision
  - Single Cell
  - Telecoms
- **Large vans** - Public Order

An order was placed this month for 30 small vans

Currently, the OGP are evaluating tenders for:

- **Medium Vans** - 2 cell prisoner vans

#### Vehicles Commissioned in 2016

• Unmarked Cars	208
• Marked Cars	100
• Vans	145
• Bikes	61
• Audi Q7's	27
• BMW 530D's	28
• 4x4's	13
• Minibuses	9
• OTHER	6
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>597</b>

#### Investment in vehicles

Purchase of Vehicles	
Year	Expenditure
	€
2008	8,117,641
2009	216,165
2010	3,098,591
2011	1,519,237
2012	3,531,160
2013	10,108,511
2014	10,750,697
2015	8,861,126
2016	9,992,696

## 6.5 Cost of Fleet maintenance

The table below shows the actual expenditure since 2011.

Cost	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Fuel	13,097,830	12,773,474	10,713,863	9,420,913	€7,784,115	€7,263,739
Maintenance	9,927,886	9,063,131	11,041,720	9,538,215	€9,747,847	€10,221,158
Tyres	1,336,531	1,420,864	1,454,377	1,332,611	€1,279,833	€1,279,545
Towing	232,528	219,436	256,228	260,186	€318,557	€296,475
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,594,775</b>	<b>23,476,906</b>	<b>23,466,188</b>	<b>20,551,925</b>	<b>€19,130,352</b>	<b>€19,060,916</b>

### Current Expenditure

Contracts are in place for the purchase of:

- Service Repair Maintenance
- Body Repair work
- Fuel
- Tyres
- Towing
- End of Life Disposal

## 6.6 Fleet Maintenance and Repair Contracts

In April 2017, An Garda Síochána awarded the contract for the Service, Repair and Maintenance of official vehicles to Hyundai Ireland Ltd. and to Henry Ford and Sons.

The new contracts increase the number of service providers available and better reflects the composition of the fleet. These new contracts will provide the following services:

- Vehicles are serviced and repaired through the Ford and Hyundai Nationwide network of garages
- Vehicles are maintained to Manufacturers specifications
- This delivers the highest industry standards of servicing and repair for An Garda Síochána

In late 2014, contracts for a national network of Body Work Repair agents were put in place. This improved the quality of repairs, reduce operational down time and ensure value for money.

### Routine Maintenance Regime

The vehicle manufacturers have certified that most Garda patrol cars are suitable for operational use up to 300,000 km, subject to a safety package intervention at approximately the midpoint in the vehicle' life cycle. This certification, which is required when vehicles reach 160,000km, is carried out on all vehicles and can effectively double the life of a car.

All Garda vehicles are serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines. When Garda vehicles have reached an odometer reading of 200,000 km they are subject to a further safety check every 10,000 kms. In addition, all vehicles over four years old are now subject to a compulsory condition check equivalent to the same standard as the NCT service. These checks are conducted for An Garda Síochána by the NCT Service.

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## 8. Subventions for the Garda Representative Associations/Bodies and the Benevolent and Medical Aid Societies

The rationale behind the subventions is related to the status of the Associations. There is no record of any formal agreement or decision to grant such facilities to them

Originally accommodation and free postal and telephone were provided by the State. On the 1 January 1984, the postal and telecommunications services were transferred to semi-State status. This meant that this arrangement could not continue. When this became known, the Garda associations sought to continue the system whereby postal and telephone services were provided for them at State expense.

Negotiations took place between the various parties concerned and it was agreed that the Associations would be responsible for accommodation, telephone and postal services but an annual subvention would be paid by the State towards the costs.

The following officers are seconded to associations with pay

- General Secretary
- Deputy General Secretary
- Assistant to General Secretary

### 8.1 2015 Subvention Payments to Garda Associations

Organisation	Postage & Telephone Subvention	Accommodation Subvention	Grant-in-Aid	Other Grants	Total
GRA	€31,484.42	€93,589.44	0	0	€125,073.86
AGSI	€12,037.11	€46,733.47	0	0	€58,770.58
St. Paul's Medical Aid Society	€0.00	0	€124,000.00	0	€124,000.00
Association of Garda Superintendents	0	0	0	€58,000.00	€58,000.00
Association of Chief Superintendents	0	0	0	€58,000.00	€58,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€43,521.53</b>	<b>€140,322.91</b>	<b>€124,000.00</b>	<b>€116,000.00</b>	<b>€423,844.44</b>

## 8.2 2016 Subvention Payments to Garda Associations

Organisation	Postage & Telephone Subvention	Accommodation Subvention	Grant-in-Aid	Other Grants	Total
GRA	€31,484.42	€93,674.04	0	0	€125,158.46
AGSI	€15,099.72	€38,068.65	0	0	€53,168.37
St. Paul's Medical Aid Society	€0.00	0	€124,000.00	0	€124,000.00
Association of Garda Superintendents	0	0	0	€58,000.00	€58,000.00
Association of Chief Superintendents	0	0	0	€58,000.00	€58,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€46,584.14</b>	<b>€131,742.69</b>	<b>€124,000.00</b>	<b>€116,000.00</b>	<b>€418,326.83</b>

## **9. Bank Account Review 2017**

There is currently a bank account review in progress in Finance Directorate. The objective of the review is to establish the number of bank accounts in operation within An Garda Síochána and to ensure the data held in Finance Directorate is accurate and up to date.

A request was sent to all Assistant Commissioners, Chief Superintendents and Superintendents instructing all Superintendents to return, on a template, details of for all known bank accounts in their district and all stations attached to the district. This included details for savings accounts, credit union accounts and social club accounts currently in existence in An Garda Síochána.

To date 96% of Superintendents have replied to the request and the remaining 4% are in the process of filing their returns. 40% of the returns received to date relate to Superintendents that hold no bank accounts for their district. 60% of the returns received to date identified bank accounts both public and private.

### **9.1 Imprest Accounts**

There are currently 99 Imprest Accounts operating in An Garda Síochána. An Imprest is an advance to meet estimated expenditure. These accounts are provided to prevent the necessity for members expending their own resources on public duty.

Superintendents and Inspectors when operating the public bank account ensure that the account is not overdrawn, and thus avoid interest charges. If a Superintendent is satisfied that the imprest held is not sufficient for his/her requirements, he/she should make an application to the Director of Finance, to have it increased.

In normal circumstances the amount of an imprest should be approximately two and a half times the average monthly expenditure. The imprest account is reconciled and explanations given for any discrepancies which occur in the reconciliation. Accounts are then submitted for payment to Financial Shared Services, Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform, Killarney during the first week of each month in respect of previous month's expenditure.

### **9.2 Other Accounts**

To date there has been 24 other bank accounts identified some of which are dormant and in the process of being closed. These accounts are currently under review by both Finance Directorate and the Office of the CAO.

Also, 10 community type bank accounts have been identified. These accounts are in place to support community initiatives such as Drugs Task Forces, Youth Awards and Community Based CCTV.

Finally, 115 Garda Social Club bank accounts have been identified. There were numerous objections in relation to providing details for these types of accounts as there are no public monies involved in their maintenance. A circular sent out by the Garda Representative Association also objected to their disclosure. This result should be received with caution as the review is dependent on this information being provided.

- Tab2 Appropriation Account 2015**
- Tab 3 Modernisation & Renewal Plan Update – June 2017**
- Tab 4 Updated Crime Statistics – June 2017**
- Tab 5 In-house Monthly Expenditure Report for month ending 30th June 2017**
- Tab 6 Garda ICT Capital Provision 2016 - 2021**

**Reports to be provided separately**

**Templemore College**

**Breathtesting**

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